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TRAINING, TESTING, AND CERTIFICATION
OF MOTORBOAT OPERATORS

1. Purpose. This memorandum establishes policy and procedures for training, testing, and certification of individuals for Corps of Engineers Motorboat Operator's License (ENG Form 3962).

2. Applicability. All activities under the jurisdiction of the Omaha District.

3. References.

a. AR 385-55 with OCE Supplement

b. ER 1125-2-304

4. Procedures.

a. The Area Engineer, Project Engineer, Lake Manager, and/or Supervisors of Omaha District Activities will appoint a motorboat operator who has been issued a valid Class 1 or higher echelon Motorboat Operator's License to administer the training, testing, and certification of Class A or Class 1 motorboat operators applying for a license.

b. The Chief of Operations Division will appoint a motorboat operator who holds a valid Class 2 or Class 3 Coast Guard License to administer the training, testing, and certification of motorboat operators applying for an equivalent Motorboat Operator License.

c. The Chief of Operations Division will appoint a licensed motorboat operator with an endorsement to operate an airboat or air cushion boat to administer the training, testing, and certification of motorboat operators applying for an equivalent endorsement.

5. Class of Motorboats.

a. Class A - Any motorboat less than 16 feet in length.

b. Class 1 - Any motorboat 16 feet or over and less than 26 feet in length.

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c. Class 2 - Any motorboat 26 feet or over and less than 40 feet in length.

d. Class 3 - Any motorboat 40 feet or over and less than 65 feet in length.

e. Airboat - Any shallow draft boat powered by any motor driven airplane-type propeller.

f. Air Cushion Boat (Ground Effect Machine) - Any motor driven boat or craft that rides on a cushion of air.

6. Qualifications for Applicants.

a. Experience.

(1) One year of experience in the operation of a motorboat or successful completion of a training course as prescribed in paragraph b(2) below.

(2) Experience may be in the form of the following:

(a) Operating a motorboat under the direct supervision and instruction of a certified Corps of Engineers Motorboat Operator as authorized by the Chief of Operations Division.

(b) Credit will be given for any prior experience that can be verified.

b. Training.

(1) Academic training is based on the following:

(a) "Piloting, Seamanship, and Small Boat Handling" by Charles F. Chapman.

(b) "Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980," enacted by the 96th Congress, Public Law 96-591, 24 December 1980.

(2) Boat Handling Training.

(a) Applicants who have not acquired the experience in paragraph 6a above will be trained by a certified Corps of Engineers Motorboat Operator as authorized by the Chief of Operations Division.

(b) The length of training is dependent on the applicant's ability to demonstrate proficient and safe operation of the class and type of motorboat to be certified for.

c. Examination.

(1) Each applicant will be given a written examination to test his/her knowledge and background on navigational rules of the road.

(2) Each applicant will have to demonstrate his/her ability to operate a motorboat of the class and size to be certified for under the surveillance of a certified Corps of Engineers Motorboat Operator as authorized by the Chief, Operations Division.

(3) Chief, Operations Division, may waive the requirements of the written examination and the boat handling examination if the applicant has a valid U.S. Coast Guard License. The Corps of Engineers License issued under this waiver will not exceed the class of the applicant's U.S. Coast Guard License.

7. Motorboat Operator License.

a. An Application for Motorboat Operator's License and Training Record (MRD Form 0699) will be completed and authenticated as follows:

(1) Experience (Section I) will be completed by the applicant.

(2) Training (Section II) will be completed by a certified Corps of Engineers Motorboat Operator as authorized according to paragraph 4 a and b.

(3) Examination (Section III) will be administered by an authorized examiner.

(4) Corps of Engineers Motor License (Section IV) will be completed by Operations Division upon issuance of the Corps of Engineers Motorboat Operators License (ENG Form 3962) and an Operators Identification Card (OF 346). The OF 346 will be modified by striking the words "MOTOR VEHICLE," "Vehicles and/or," "Government Vehicles" and "Vehicle and/or." Under the capacity column the class and/or size of the motorboat will be indicated.

b. Motorboat operators with less than eight hours of operating time each month on boats they are qualified to operate will be given not less than eight hours of familiarization training under actual operating condition per each month throughout the navigation season. Each operators time and the boat name/number will be logged and kept on file.

8. Licensing Procedures.

a. Application for a Motorboat Operator's License and Training Record (MRD Form 0699) will be forwarded to Operations Division in accordance with paragraph 7 above.

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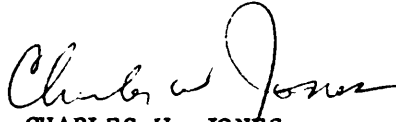
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b. A Corps of Engineers Motorboat License (ENG Form 3962) and Operator's Identification Card (OF 346) will be issued to all qualified applicants. All permits issued will have a common expiration date. This eliminates repetitive testing of individuals, lessens the amount of record keeping, and assures that all operators are retested every 5 years. Prior to the expiration date of permits, information on renewal procedures and requirements will be issued by Operations Division.

c. Motorboat operators may have their license suspended or permanently withdrawn for the following reasons:

- (1) Reckless, negligent, or careless operation.
- (2) Willful damage to a Corps of Engineer's motorboat.
- (3) Violation of navigation rules in a manner to endanger life and property.
- (4) Misconduct which warrants suspension of license.

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